THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V. RAMULU

Monday, 16th October, 2006

W.P.No.25629 of 2002

Between:

Mitta Sivasankaraiah … Petitioner

and

The Joint Collector, Cuddapah district
Cuddapah-516 001 … Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed seeking a Mandamus declaring the action of the respondent in not releasing the seized stock, though the respondent could not dispose of the proceedings under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act,1955 even after three years, without any reason, as arbitrary and illegal and consequently to direct the respondent to release the seized stock in pursuance of Crime No.151/VCCDP/99, dated 20-11-1999 registered by the Inspector of Police, Vigilance Cell, Civil Supplies Department, Cuddapah.

At the time of admission of Writ Petition, an interim order was passed on 19-11-2002 directing the respondents to release the seized stocks to the petitioner on furnishing third party security for the value of the stocks. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pursuant to the interim orders, the seized stocks have been released to the petitioner.

In view of the above, nothing much survives for adjudication in the Writ Petition. However, the respondent is directed to complete the enquiry under Section 6-A of the Act and pass appropriate orders, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, if not already passed.

With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

16-10-2006

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